

MAP SHOWS LOCATION SOUTHWEST OF SOUTH BEND.

## NETTERS SEINE

100,000 FISH

BECK'S LAKE YIELDS LAST FINNY MEMBER.

South Bend Izaak Walton League Supervises Task of Removal to Surrounding Bodies of Water.

Beck's lake, the small pond of water near the west city limits which has just been drained by the J. J. Dunnegan company to provide for passage of a sewer, yielded approximately 100,000 large and small fish of many varieties, according to the tabulation furnished The Tribune by Ivar Hennings, president of the South Bend Izaak Walton league, of the South Bend Bait company.

The Izaak Walton league chapter here, in cooperation with the state conservation department, removed the fish during the period of draining and transferred them to surrounding lakes.

The last few days of the task was the most interesting, members of the league declare; for, as the water gradually became lower, the thousands of fish still remaining, particularly the carp and sucker variety, became easily discernible through the muddy waters and were speared by the Waltonians.

Work of seining the smaller fish was completed the latter part of last week. These fish would ordinarily have passed through the big pump used by the Dunnegan company and would have been killed.

Species of fish removed were blue gills, sunfish, catfish, bass, pickerel, suckers and carp. They were distributed among surrounding lakes in the following proportion: North Chain O'Lakes, 89,000; Hudson lake, 5,000; Chamberlin lake, 1,000, and Clear lake, 5,000.

In addition to the services of local Izaak Walton league members and of the state conservation department, the work was aided by the assistance of many prominent citizens and business men of South Bend. The Reliable dairy loaned the use of its large milk cans for transporting the fish to nearby lakes; trucks were furnished by the South Bend Bait company and by the Stephenson Underwear mill, and the J. J. Dunnegan Construction company assisted in various ways. The work was conducted under the direction of the following South Bend Waltonians: Ivar Hennings, Senator L. G. Bradford, George M. Stephenson, Russell Hunt and Roy Hayes.

Thousands of South Bend residents were attracted to the spot by the work and the task also attracted the attention of Izaak Walton chapters throughout the state.

## FORMER BED OF BECK LAKE IS HALTING WORK

Engineers Unable to Find Stable Bottom Even at 30-Foot Depth.

## GROUND FEELS "RUBBERY"

Contractors Place Sheeting of Both Sides of Pipe and Fill With Gravel.

With South Bend's five and one-half mile northwest sewer approximately 750 feet from the finish and the entire northwestern district here intent on its completion, the J. J. Dunnegan Construction company has encountered another of its handicaps, this time on the western section of the project.

Down on West Washington avenue between Dundee and Liberty streets, south of what remains of Beck's lake,

and a short distance from the Beadix Brake company, construction gangs have ventured into a boggy tract which threatens to envelop any or both of the two steam shovels now operating.

### Bottom Not Stable.

Excavating along a line once believed a part of the bed of Beck's lake, contractors seeking to find a firm base upon which to lay sewer piping, have been unable to find a stable bottom, in the bog, even after reaching a depth of 30 feet. Such a situation is unusual, they explain.

The tract is so boggy that a person standing within 30 or even 70 feet of a shovel when it strikes the earth, obtains the effect of standing on a section of undulating earth, that shakes and qualifies the contractors' description that it is "rubbery."

### Place Sheeting on Pipe.

To cope with the situation, and to give their work a rigidity almost impossible to obtain in laying a sewer in such a boggy waste, the contractors have employed sheeting on both sides of the pipe, and then back-filled with gravel. In this fashion, they hope to overcome the problem and to finish the project.

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# MEMORIALS.

While sauntering down the halls of Central Senior High school I noticed some bronze tablets placed upon the walls as a memorial to the classes of the gay nineties, nineteen-hundreds, etc. Northern Indiana has begged and pleaded for parks and recognition and alas the state conservation department and the conservation class of '36 have erected a monument by which the coming generations shall be reminded of their having been on earth. The marker, being more than a mile in length, can not be overlooked by any passerby unless he be distracted by an adjacent larger one which exceeds 100 feet in length, the Kankakee.

As to the state conservation department and the conservation groups of 1936 goes the credit of having been the ones to allow the drainage of the last of our northern state waters which is of any consequence in so far as wild life and the old Kankakee marsh are concerned. The monument will stand forever; government funds and restoration programs in years to come can never replace the nooks and bends, the willows, swails and eddies of what was once Potato creek.

The warning of such a drainage was sounded several years ago; action was delayed until now in 1936. So we can not blame any other group than ourselves. I have heard the petitioners who backed the drainage idea condemned. But they are not to be blamed for no member of a conservation group I ever met would overlook a few thousand dollars for the sake of conservation.

## Beneficiaries Not to Blame.

If I lived on Potato creek and believed I could be benefitted by drainage, doubtless I would be for drainage unless someone came along and offered me sufficient money to cover the value of the land which I would gain by ditching. I even heard one party criticize a lawyer in connection with the case. Personally I think the lawyer was smart. It should not be forgotten that the lawyer practices law for the same reason that the shoemaker makes his lasts. Why should we look for anyone to blame but ourselves? The fault rests wholly on the lap of the state conservation department and the conservation clubs.

The state department has known about the proposed drainage for a long while, as have the clubs. The clubs had a lawyer whose duty it was to keep an eye on the case and, in the event it was brought to a hearing, to represent the opposition to the plan. Just what happened no one knows but in any event the case was taken into the courts and the petition of a dozen men approved

while the conservationists, state department and land owners did a Rip Van Winkle.

Let me tell you why I blame the state department. It buys land for parks in southern Indiana; it should be able to spend a few dollars to buy some farm lands to avoid further drainage in northern Indiana and call the land a state park, experimental property or one of a dozen other names given to lands the department seems to want to own. It was the state conservation department's duty to keep an eye on the case. If you wire to officials that someone is tampering with the balloting machines these will be placed under guard night and day.

## Pardon the Guffaw.

The conservation clubs are to blame. Somewhere amongst the 500 clubs with a membership of more than 80,000 there must have been several persons and several lawyers who knew exactly what was going on but who did not have enough interest to take steps to stop the action while there was yet time.

There is nothing that can be done to stop it now. I heard a resolution passed and seconded the other evening in which the state department is to be requested to present a bill to the state legislature which would stop further drainage without the approval of 51 per cent of the landowners. Pardon the guffaw, but I wondered what more there was left to drain.

Just think, sportsmen, what it is going to mean when we drain everything drainable. We may have to do our angling in our fish hatcheries. If the breeders freeze out as they did this year it will mean some lean years for the piscatorial artists.

I am going to be away for a while and I hope that upon my return I will find that they have replaced the V with an S and the S with a V in the word conversation. (You hope I never come back? Don't be like that, I am only one of a lot of folks who believe that conservation means more than catching fish or killing game birds and predators and don't forget to put a question mark after some of the birds I see listed as predators.)

I'll be seeing you,

"STEVE."

## CLUB CONSIDERS CREATING LAKE

## U. S. Engineers Look Over Proposed Sites.

An artificial lake to provide a fishing and resort site within a 15-minute drive of South Bend may become a reality if the efforts of the St. Joseph County Restoration club are successful.

Officers of the club, county and army engineers inspected the location of the proposed lake last Friday. The restoration club already has invested \$400 in test wells and WPA surveys of water supply and seepage, but army engineers were called in for consultation and background information in the event the project is submitted to WPA.

The lake would cover 1,400 acres 10 miles southwest of South Bend and three and one-half miles northeast of North Liberty. A lake once existed on the site, which is 500 acres larger than Diamond lake, near Cassopolis, Mich.

Potato creek, near the Primrose and Osborne roads, would be the principal water source for the lake and a dam would be necessary to control the water supply. Farmers in the vicinity are said to be willing to donate the necessary land in the hope that their valuation would increase.

The upper left photograph shows, in the front row, left to right, Capt. S. N. Karrick, United States army; C. A. Wallace, restoration club secretary; Herschell King, county game warden, and C. R. Andrew, engineer. In the back row, left to right, are L. E. Schatzle, Darcey Warster, Earl Smith, club president, and T. J. Dumont, county engineer. The upper right photograph shows the men inspecting the dam site. They are, left to right, Mr. King, Mr. Smith, Capt. Karrick and Mr. Andrew. The lower left picture reproduces a map showing the location.

## POTATO CREEK DAM ORDERED TO FORM LAKE

## Many Osborne Road Farms Flooded by Rains.

Ind. — 6-27-39

[Map on page six, section two.]

As farmers gazed in despair this morning over flooded fields and ruined corn crops along Osborne road, five miles northeast of North Liberty, this county, the state conservation department engineers announced that they had begun plans to transform the area into a lake.

Potato creek which is supposed to drain the area was far out of its banks this morning as the result of heavy rain during the night. Fields under cultivation, lanes leading to farm homes and Osborne road itself were inundated.

The lake announced today by the conservation department is one of six which will add almost 3,000 acres of lake area to Indiana's recreation facilities. The lake in this county will be the largest with the dammed waters of Potato creek spreading over 850 acres, approximately the area of Diamond lake, near Cassopolis, Mich.

The artificial lake to provide a fishing and resort site within a 15-minute drive of South Bend was proposed by the St. Joseph County Restoration club, which invested money in the possibility of its development.

## WPA to Do Work.

The announcement this morning was an aftermath of an inspection of the site last March by county, United States army and WPA engineers. Plans for a dam on Potato creek have been started and the structure will be built by WPA workers.

Authorities said farmers in the area have indicated their willingness to donate their land for the lake in an effort to increase the valuation of land now virtually worthless because of frequent floods and damaged crops.

Farmers in the area blame a lack of dredging along the creek for the flood condition. A part of the creek bed to the east of the area was dredged out several months ago by workmen from the CCC camp, south of the city, but the work was discontinued for other projects.

B. L. Morningstar, rural route No. 2, North Liberty, whose farm adjoins the inundated area, said

that farmers in some cases have lost two plantings of corn in the territory adjacent to Potato creek following heavy rains this spring.

## Fields Under Water.

Fields of Otto Kurzhaf, Clarence Fetzner, Harold Sparrow and Vern Six, who live in the same area, are under water. Osborne road approximately six miles west of U. S. highway No. 31 was under at least three feet of water for almost a quarter of a mile this morning.

Two separate storms early today brought .35 inch of rain to the South Bend area. Although the first storm arrived about 1 a. m., the heaviest rainfall came about 3 a. m. Hydroelectric plants of the Indiana & Michigan Electric company reported .35 inch at Twin Branch, .35 inch at Elkhart, Ind., .35 inch at Buchanan, Mich., and .60 inch at Berrien Springs, Mich.

Although the lightning which accompanied the rain was spectacular, it was high and no damage to utility lines was reported. One trip line was out for a few seconds near Lakeville, this county. The wind reached a top velocity of only 19 miles an hour, according to observers at Bendix field, St. Joseph county airport.

## POTATO CREEK FEARS ALLAYED

## Farmers Unconcerned Over Reports of Damage.

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Reports that the proposed government construction of a dam in Potato creek, near North Liberty, this county, would cause much destruction of farm land do not seem to worry farmers in that area. According to The Tribune's correspondent in Laporte this is the situation in Laporte county:

"Laporte county muck crop farmers along the Kankakee river, also known as the Place ditch, do not appear greatly concerned. Potato creek is one of the tributaries of the Place ditch. It is felt control of its flow would not have any appreciable effect on the water level in the ditch. No water from the river is used by farmers of Laporte county for irrigation purposes so the water level of the Kankakee is of not great concern to farmers of Johnson, Lincoln, Union or Hanna townships.

## Sees Little Effect.

"County Surveyor Earl L. Alexander and County Agent E. L. Hartman agree that a dam on Potato creek would not affect Laporte county adversely. The Place ditch, which straightened and narrowed the Kankakee river, was built 12 years ago. Farmers in four counties paid assessments for this work. Potato creek empties into the old Mud lake channel and from there into the Place ditch at the mounds in northern Johnson township, Laporte county.

"The flood problem for Laporte county farmers living along the Kankakee is not serious, it is said. For the most part the stream flows between high ditch banks. South of Fish lake in Lincoln township are occasional troubles with high waters."

The Tribune correspondent in Porter county says:

"No one seemed to know where Potato creek is when I made inquiry. I finally found out and learned that the building of a dam would have little effect in Laporte county. The same is true here in Porter county. Only two townships would be affected, Pleasant and Boone, and I can not see that it would affect farm-



ers in those two townships."

#### Objections Unlikely.

From The Tribune correspondent in Knox, Starke county, comes this report:

"County Agent Shideler was asked about the Potato creek dam and says it will have no effect on the Kankakee drainage system since it is too far above it and that the Starke county farmers are not concerned about it at all. The farmers around North Liberty were not in favor of it at all, but they seem to have overcome their objections and the dam will be built."

## OFFICIAL BACKS LAKE PROJECT

### Moesch Approves in Restoration Club Address.

A posed artificial lake near North Liberty, this county, a project undertaken by members of county conservation clubs, received favorable comment from Heine Moesch, Indianapolis, a member of the state conservation department, when he spoke at a meeting of the St. Joseph County Restoration club Monday night in the Oliver hotel.

Mr. Moesch told the group that it is the aim of the state department to introduce conservation work into the public schools of the state. He asserted that conservation clubs have carried the burden of the fight against the pollution of rivers and lakes in Indiana.

E. Matzel, a club member, in speaking on the shortage of feed for bass in the lakes said that it has been caused by the underwater exhaust of outboard motorboats. He advocated having a legislative measure adopted to compel boat motors to have above water exhausts.

The club filed its entry in the annual crow control contest which will begin Jan. 1. Earl H. Smith, club president, appointed a nominating committee. The club's next meeting will be Dec. 18 in the Oliver hotel.

## SURVEYS FOR LAKE FINISHED

### State Conservation Approval Now Awaited.

All surveys on a proposed new lake 10 miles southwest of the city are complete and work will be started on the project as soon as the state conservation department submits its approval, Earl H. Smith, president of the St. Joseph County Restoration club, announced today.

Mr. Smith claims that farmers in the area of the proposed new lake have voiced their approval. Reports of the surveys will be forwarded to the state conservation department and a favorable answer in regard to the lake project is expected, Mr. Smith said.

The club met Monday night in the Oliver hotel and discussed plans for the improvement of Judy creek as a trout stream. Pending information from the state conservation department, planting of trees and shrubbery in this area will begin in the fall. Thirty pheasants will be released by the club in St. Joseph county this week.

## All Hudson Lake Fish Dead? Anglers Find It Isn't True

Unofficial reports that 10,000 dead fish littered the shores of Hudson lake, two miles west of New Carlisle, following an anti-mosquito spraying of sloughs around the lake 10 days ago were spiked as fantastic today by a spokesman for residents at the lake.

Interested in giving the lake a clean bill of health, the spokesman, W. K. Mohn, declared a LaPorte county health officer had inspected the lake and found it safe for bathers. Asserting that fishermen and resort seekers have been noticeably avoiding the lake since published reports of the dead fish, because they believed the lake unsafe and that there were no fish left, Mr. Mohn made a survey of fishermen returning from the lake with their catches Sunday.

#### Survey of Results.

These were the results:

Gene Shapinski, operator of a sports goods store at 814 West Indiana avenue, caught a 22-inch bass that weighed five pounds and five others; Edward P. Salata, 715 North Goodland avenue, brought in 15 fish; Ray Althouse and Ralph Gau, both of rural route No. 2, New Carlisle, snagged 37; Don Ross, of Hudson lake and operator of a sports goods store in Mishawaka, a batch and numerous other catches of blue gills, perch and bass.

Mr. Mohn said the state conservation department is still investigating the spraying incident which was instigated by a group of residents who raised about \$500 to pay for the helicopter spraying.

#### Fish in Ponds.

The dead fish were found largely in ponds and sloughs off the northwest edge of the lake near the area where the residents who arranged the spraying live. At that point heavily infested with mosquitoes, the spraying was more intense, "to give the residents' their money's worth," Mr. Mohn said. He claimed that most of the complaints about the dead fish came from one or two persons living near the sloughs. The lake itself was not sprayed.

Mr. Mohn produced statements by residents owning more than a 1,000-foot frontage on the beach near the casino, that only a few dead fish were found in that area.

## SALAMANDER MOVE CALLED FOOD FORAY

The salamanders that evacuated Old Beck's Lake Dump Thursday night are finding the pickings pretty slim today in their old home-  
stead. 7-16-55 5-6-1

Louis J. Berzai, manager of the South Bend Exterminating Co., said a chemical he was spreading on the pools in the dump should have the creatures cleared out by Monday.

The four-inch-long salamanders crawled from the pools after a heavy rain and slithered onto W. Washington Ave., in the vicinity of Dundee St. Thursday. Near-by residents called police to put a stop to the creatures' exodus.

Berzai claimed the solution would contaminate the pools and destroy the salamanders' food. They eat flies and mosquito larvae, he explained.



—Photo by Tribune Staff Photographer.

#### No more fish in Hudson lake?

Gene Shapinski, of 814 West Indiana avenue, exhibits one he caught Sunday night. Weight, five and one-half pounds, length, 22 1/4 inches.

## ACQUISITION ENDS 2-YEAR NEGOTIATIONS

### 31 Acres Will Cost Department \$10,000.

By HOWARD A. NOBLE

Tribune Staff Writer.

Mayor Edward F. Voorde today announced the acquisition by the South Bend Park Board of a 31.5-acre tract in the Beck's Lake area for development as a public park. SBT 5-14-59

The acquisition culminates three-way negotiations over the last two years.

Involved with the Park Board in the negotiations are A. C. Colpaert, of the Colpaert Realty Corp., and Virgil Place of Place & Co., Inc.

The tract is bounded by Washington Ave., by Linden Ave., Falcon St. and Kaley St.

Although 22.18 acres was purchased from Place & Co. for \$20,000, the net cost to the Park Department of the 31.5-acre tract is only \$10,000.

#### Holdings Are Traded.

This resulted from the trading of holdings involving the two firms and the donation to the city by the Colpaert Corp. of \$10,000, which was applied by the Park Board to the purchase of some of the land from Place.

As a by-product of the trading.

the Colpaert Corp. now holds title to more than 40 acres of land—part of which it already owned—which is industrially zoned. This land, north of the park tract and south of the right of way of the New York Central System, contains a spur.

Edwin S. Ehlers, president of the Park Board, said he will invite the attention of the South Bend Committee of 100 to this fact. The Committee of 100 is engaged in a campaign to attract new industries to South Bend.

In addition, Place & Co. has given the Park Board a letter agreeing to convey to the Board an additional five acres of land for future park purposes. This land is included in a larger tract south of Ireland Rd. and east of Miami Rd., which will be the location of the next housing project to be undertaken by Place and Co., according to Ralph A. Newman, park superintendent.

#### Check History of Area.

Ehlers this morning asked Board members Richard S. Kromkowski and Charles A. VanDeVeire to delve into the history of the area in order to find a suitable name for the park. The Beck's Lake area is contained within a larger area known as LaSalle Park. The lake, now non-existent, once formed a part of the headwaters of the Kankakee River.

Newman said there are no specific funds in the Park Department's 1959 budget for the development of the park this year but some work in leveling the land and establishing new grades will be done this year. Provisions for stepped-up development will be included in the 1960 budget, he added.

#### Includes Ball Diamonds.

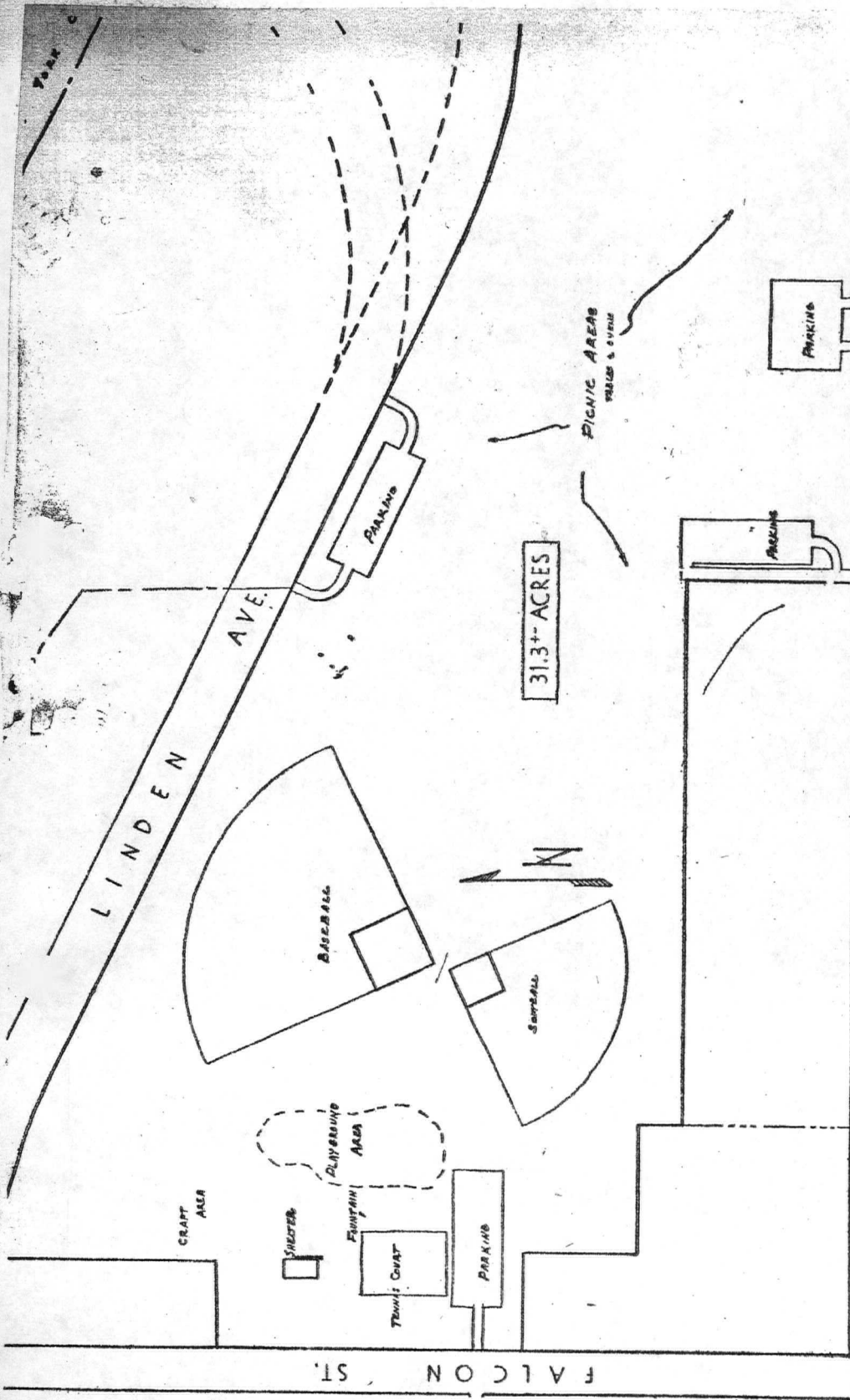
Ultimate development of the Park, Newman said, includes plans for a baseball diamond, a softball field, playground facilities for smaller children, several tennis courts, a shelter house, a large picnic area and an area equipped for the teaching of handicrafts.

The residential areas bordering on the new park have a higher than average incidence of children who now have to cross busy Western Ave. to reach the Harrison playground.

"You are to be congratulated on your selection of the Beck's Lake site especially for this reason and for the successful conclusion of long and involved negotiations," Mayor Voorde told the Board at a meeting in his office this morning.



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ARTIST DRAWS LAYOUT FOR NEW PARK—This is a landscape artist's conception of a layout for South Bend's newest park land acquisition, a 31.3-acre tract known for years as Beck's Lake. Besides a picnic area in a wooded section to the east, the plan calls for a softball field, a baseball diamond, a playground area, tennis courts, craft area, shelter house and provisions for parking. It will act as a buffer between an industrial area to the north and a residential area to the south and make it unnecessary for small children to brave traffic in crossing Western Ave. to the Harrison playground. **SBT-5-17-59**

According to Newman.  
Commission President Edwin S. Ehlers explained that from the 1967 budget the park department will spend \$35,000 to buy the LaSalle Park land.  
A bond issue to raise at least \$200,000 for a recreation building in the park will be sold during the coming year, Ehlers said. Meanwhile, Ehlers has instructed the park department staff to compile a list of other projects which could be underwritten by the bond issue.  
The park ordinance would provide for a maximum 30-day jail sentence, or a fine of up to \$300, or both, for conviction of any provision.

**Regulates Traffic**

Among other things, in the parks and any park property, the ordinance covers traffic regulations; protects all plants and animals; prevents any form of littering or water pollution; prohibits advertising of all types without a park department-issued permit; outlaws gambling, swearing, the throwing of objects, the use of explosives, firearms, weapons or missiles, and requires permits for camping or organized picnicking, and peddling.

**By LAURANCE MORRISON**

Tribune Staff Writer

Representatives of a LaSalle Park citizens' committee Tuesday night told the park commissioners that residents want Beck's Lake preserved in the area's redevelopment plan, and the commissioners responded that maybe the lake can be saved. **10-12-66 SBT**

Survival of the one-acre lake largely depends on the results of current engineering studies of storm and sanitation drainage systems to be constructed in the section, Park Supt. Ralph A. Newman said.

The Park Board, in other business, recommended favorably to the Common Council a lengthy ordinance comprising park rules and regulations. The proposed ordinance, 23 double-space typewritten pages, is comprehensive.

Representatives of the Con-

cerned Citizens' Committee of LaSalle Park, who appeared at the regular park board meeting unexpectedly, said they were expressing the desire of most LaSalle Park residents in requesting that Beck's Lake be kept as an open body of water.

**'Linked With Traditions'**

A committee spokesman, James Badowski, 325 S. Falcon St., said the lake is linked with the traditions of the people of the area, who think of themselves as the "Lake Dwellers."

Badowski, who said the committee numbers about 100 persons, added that the lake would enhance the park scheduled to be built.

Both committee representatives and the commissioners agreed that communications lines between them apparently are clogged because residents thought the Park Department had decided on its own to fill in the lake, and the commissioners, in turn, believed that most resi-

dents favored drying the lake up.

A committee board member, Rev. Joseph Schneiders, 534 E. Ewing Ave., said, "The people in that area are unhappy that the redevelopment program they were sold doesn't contain elements they thought it had. Beck's Lake is one of them."

**Will Visit School Board**

Rev. Schneiders declared that the representatives intend to visit the School Board and other bodies involved in the redevelopment. He explained that the committee seeks to clear up areas of misinformation about the LaSalle Park project.

Newman said the lake was given to the park department as a gift about eight years ago. He said the lake area, long a dump and in deplorable condition, was improved with park department resources.

The water now stands at about 18 inches but during the summer the lake virtually dries up, ac-



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THIS IS BECK'S LAKE — Representatives of the Concerned Committee of LaSalle Park have informed the South Bend Park Commissioners that residents of the area consider themselves to be "lake dwellers" because of Beck's Lake, and that therefore the body of water, which covers about one acre, should be preserved. This is Beck's Lake, as it appears from its east shore, looking toward its western shoreline.

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—Photo by Tribune Staff Photographer

## ASSURANCE MORRISON

Tribune Staff Writer

Beck's Lake in LaSalle Park probably will be transformed into a retention basin for a storm water sewer system, the Redevelopment Commission learned Thursday afternoon.

The one-acre lake would be fenced in as a duck pond similar to the one in Leeper Park, Commission President Donald Wiggins said. SBT

The sewer system originally was planned as a \$68,000 item in the budget for the park project. But the federal government has stipulated that a combination system be installed—part for sanitation and part for storm drainage purposes. 3-17-67

The dual system could cost as much as \$450,000, according to Howard Bellinger, commission executive director. Two-thirds of the cost would be borne by the government, he explained. Local funds would cover the remainder.

### Drawings Are Ready

Bellinger added that within a few weeks a formal application for federal financial assistance will be submitted. Preliminary drawings of the system have been completed.

Storm waters would be "bled off slowly" from the lake into the existing city sewer system, Bellinger said.

The executive director said that the lake area would be landscaped.

The lake would serve as a basin for excess waters which otherwise would back up into the basements of LaSalle Park homes during major rain storms, Bellinger said.

Bellinger, who was named about two weeks ago to replace

W. Jan Chong as executive director, appeared in his official capacity for the first time. In fact, Thursday was his first formal day on the job.

### Chong Resigns Post

Chong resigned his post to accept a position with the redevelopment agency of New York City.

And Mayor Lloyd M. Allen's recently-named administrative assistant, Vernon S. Sutton, attended both the public meeting and the closed executive session which preceded it.

Allen has directed Sutton to act as his eyes and ears at meetings of city agencies and to report their activities.

The director of the Relocation Department of the Redevelopment Commission, Oliver J. Scott, reported that some residents of cement block houses in the 3100, 3200 and 3300 blocks of W. Washington Ave., may be temporarily moved to dwellings in LaSalle Park.

### City Acquires Property

Twelve families and one individual now live in the units, which the city acquired from a realtor last August.

Scott also reported that the most recent request by his office of addresses for rent yielded no results from area real estate offices.

One of the purposes of Scott's operation is to successfully relocate LaSalle Park residents in suitable housing throughout the city.

Although the Relocation Department has already received several rental listings, it will soon begin a street-by-street survey in quest of more accommodations, the report stated.

Scott's office must still relocate

39 families and four individuals of an original obligation of 76 families and seven individuals in LaSalle Park.

City Engineer Lloyd S. Taylor said today that the development of Beck's Lake into a storm water retention basin would progress at a rate set by the urban renewal program of LaSalle Park, in which the lake is situated. 8-10-67 SBT

The Park Department approved Tuesday night an engineering plan for the lake. Approval was required because Beck's Lake is located on park land.

Bids on the lake project will be opened Aug. 21. The baks of the water hole must be shaped, debris must be cleared, and an overflow system constructed, Taylor explained.

The Park Department is responsible for landscaping the site.

### Overflow to Enter Sewer

The lake will accommodate all the storm waters of the LaSalle Park neighborhood. According to engineering plans, a small overflow will enter the city sewer system, which is being built under the renewal project.

The elevation of W. Washington Ave. will be raised, Taylor said, and work on the lake will be co-ordinated with that project. The avenue runs near Beck's Lake.

The park commissioners, in their meeting Tuesday, decided to study in detail a survey of park and recreation facilities done recently by the Human Relations-Fair Employment Practices Commission.

The survey, in report form,

concludes in part that predominately Negro neighborhoods lack adequate public recreation facilities.

### Supervision to End

Recreation Director Paul Boehm reported that supervision on the city's playgrounds will be ended on Friday. He added that the public swimming pools will be open through Labor Day.

Supt. Charles Van DeVeire said that the proposed 1968 park department budget will be discussed in a public meeting of the common council at 8 p.m. Monday in the police classroom in the Municipal Services Facility, 708 W. Sample St.

The proposed 1968 park department budget is \$1,249,535.

### Floor Covering Planned

Expenditure of \$118 for a rug-like covering of the floor of the Elbel Golf Course pro shop was approved by the board. The green covering, will extend over an area approximately 135 square feet.

Two requests for free meeting places in park department facilities were approved for trial periods of four months each. Groups desiring the meeting places were Recovery, Inc., which aids former mental patients, and the Northern Indiana Assn. for the Blind.

Recovery, Inc. will meet weekly and the N.I.A.B. will meet monthly. Facilities chosen for the meetings have not yet been designated.

A request of James Rasmussen of Michigan City for compensation of \$26 for a pair of slacks torn on a chair at Elbel Golf Course was denied. The board said there was insufficient reason to approve the request.